



## HINTS FOR CIGAR SMOKERS.

Don't Imagine That Light Colored Wrappers Always Cover Mild Weeds.

Every one in any way connected with the cigar trade knows that there are fashions—or rather fads—in the colors of cigar wrappers. One year it is for dark colors, another for medium and another for light colors.

The strength of the cigar does not seem to make much difference, for in years when light colors are fashionable a "claro" wrapper with a "colorado" filler will sell more readily than a "colorado" wrapper with a "claro" filler—we define the Spanish words as does the customer who thinks they denote the strength of the tobacco. We believe we can safely say that not one smoker in a hundred knows what the words really mean, yet many of the hundred use the words in purchasing.

Dealers are better informed, for they are aware that the words have nothing to do with the strength of the cigar and not much more with the color of the wrapper, for what one dealer may call a "colorado" yet dealers when a customer objects to the color of a wrapper will show the customer that the box is marked "colorado," "colorado maduro," etc., as evidence of strength of the cigar.

At the present time the fashion is for light colored wrappers, and as is always the case the fashionable color is the scarcest. Many cigar manufacturers are now apportioning the light colors to their customers, and if the fad continues to grow they will have to make apportionment much smaller. It has even been suggested that an extra price be added per 1,000 for the light colors, which would certainly not suit the jobber or the retailer. The cigar manufacturer would willingly meet the demand for the fashionable color, but he cannot do it. He cannot give what he has not or cannot get.

If the jobber and the retailer (especially the jobber) will enter upon an "educational campaign" this fad for light colors can be easily and quickly killed. The retailer can explain to the customer that the color of the wrapper does not indicate the strength of the cigar, and the packing of cigars of one color in a box and so marking them is more for uniformity than anything else. He can also tell them that there is little or no difference when strength is considered between "claro" and "claro colorado," a "colorado" and a "colorado maduro," etc., for manufacturers differ in making. —Tobacco Leaf.

## A Life Full of Excitement.

A queer tramp woman, Betty Ann Arnold, is confined in the Central police station at Dayton, O. She was arrested for safe keeping, but will probably be released and allowed to continue her migratory life. She was born in Logan, Hardin county, and when twenty-one years of age was engaged to be married to a farmer of this valley. Her uncle abducted her, and since that time, twenty-two years ago, she has been on the road constantly. Donning men's clothes she easily secured a job as brakeman.

While crossing the river at Wheeling she says the structure gave way and precipitated the freight train crew into the river. She was the only one that escaped. Following the Ohio river she arrived at Cincinnati, still in male attire. She secured work on a boat, the Daniel Boone, and relates an exciting experience in connection with this part of her journey.

There were three wealthy passengers on board destined for Pittsburgh. On the night after leaving Cincinnati two negro boat hands murdered the three passengers and after robbing them threw their bodies into the river. She was threatened with death if she informed any one of their action, and in terror of her life she jumped over the side of the boat and swam ashore. Several shots were fired at her, but missed their aim, and Betty escaped.

Gaining the shore she started back to Cincinnati and roamed about for some time. As evening approached she sought the outskirts of the city, where she intended to sleep until morning. She says she knew nothing of what happened until she next found herself in a Cincinnati medical college, where she had been taken by a body snatcher, who had chloroformed her and sold her body to students. She was at once released on gaining consciousness, but was warned not to speak a word of what had occurred.

Her life is filled with exciting incidents—hairbreadth escapes.—Cincinnati Commercial Gazette.

## Muskellous and Untruthful Men.

A young married man, who is now enjoying his first year of housekeeping, wants to know why it is that green grocers will always lie about their melons. "I have been searching for some good muskellous all this season," said this young man, "and I have succeeded in finding one or two out of fifty. But there has been no time when the green grocer who sold me the melon did not assure me on his honor that it was of the finest quality. I have paid extra prices for melons on the most solemn assurances that they were choice nutmegs, but when served on the table they proved to be as insipid as a raw pumpkin. I am satisfied that there is a great scarcity of good melons and also that there is an equally great scarcity of truthfulness among the melon dealers." —New York Times.

## More Historical Paper Weights.

The ruins of St. Cloud have been sold by auction to a Paris builder for about \$600. It is presumed that the material will be made into paper weights and similar mementos, as was the marble from the ruins of the Tuilleries.—Parisian Letter.

## Made Spoons First.

Bennett Jeralda, of Yalesville, Conn., asserts that William Mix was the first spoon manufacturer of the United States. William Mix's father was a blacksmith, and his sons all learned that trade. William lived on North Farm and built the large white house now known as the Joel Hough place.

In those times men traveled as tinkers—that is, they mended anything and everything. Sometimes these men were foreigners, and some of them were skilled in the arts.

One came to William Mix's house one day and said he was tired and financially embarrassed. In his kit he had a rude spoon mold. It appealed to the fancy of Mr. Mix and he purchased it of the tinker, and at his forge with a ladle and some lead Mr. Mix made the first spoons manufactured in this country.

Mr. Mix scraped and hand finished the spoons and went to New York where he sold them. His business grew, and he sold his farm and went to Woodbridge, where he procured water power, and there originated the buffing process. This improved the spoons and gave them a better finish.

Mr. Jeralda says that about that time the Curtises, of Meriden, manufactured what was then known as the scraped and hand finished spoon, and that Samuel and Edward Curtiss made a fortune in the business, but Mr. Mix's buffing process spoiled the reputation of hand finished spoons.

Mr. Jeralda asserts that while in Mr. Mix's employ young Robert Wallace first saw German silver, and that Mr. Wallace was then only eighteen years old.—Jewelers' Weekly.

## Sir George in a Peek of Trouble.

"For goodness sake, come in and take a share of our domestic troubles," exclaimed Sir George Dibbs, premier of the colony of New South Wales, as he sat in a large armchair, surrounded by a mountain of baggage, buffalo horns and curiosities picked up by the way.

"Man is born to trouble, as the sparks fly upward. Last night we clambered over several freight trains on a voyage of discovery searching for our train. At 5 o'clock this morning we had a collision at Sacramento with a freight train. Both engines were knocked out of running and we were delayed two hours. No, no one was seriously hurt, but we were bumped about, and my arms are sore."

"Your railroad management is abominable, and I am surprised at a business nation permitting it. Look at the numbers of Americans who go over to Europe to spend their millions in European travel. Not only do you discourage Europeans from visiting your country, but you drive out your own wealthy classes. You lose lots of money that way. This policy of every one for himself and the devil take the hindmost in railroad traveling loses you a good many million dollars."

At this moment Sir George's valet announced the loss of three trunks, including his own.

"Well, I'm glad you've lost your box, George; it will interest you more in the pursuit of ours. What's that? Twenty-five per cent. extra to get our linen washed by tomorrow morning! Pay it, George; don't argue; pay out all we have; we must get home." —San Francisco Chronicle.

## An Automatic Sewer Inspector.

That telegraph wire extending from the cavernous depths of the Jones street sewer will tell a tale soon and tell it in the city engineer's office.

It runs into a machine that looks like a double "speed recorder," such as is used in measuring the gait of a railway train. A pair of wires lead to the recorder and a drum of paper under the point of a pen records the flow and height of water through the sewer in ordinary times and in and after each rain. It is not necessary to insure a sewer inspector's life and station him in the big conduit; the apparatus does the work.

The second drum of paper in the cabinet of the city engineer's office records the rainfall.

Compared, the two registers show the capacity and performance of the sewer. The wire will be placed in each of the city's main sewers, and the knowledge gained will be used in devising the enlargement of the city's sewer system, showing what sewers can stand more branches, and what are taxed to their full capacity.

Assistant City Engineer Grover is the inventor of the apparatus, and it was built in this city.—Omaha World-Herald.

## Cork Soles in Autumn Shoes.

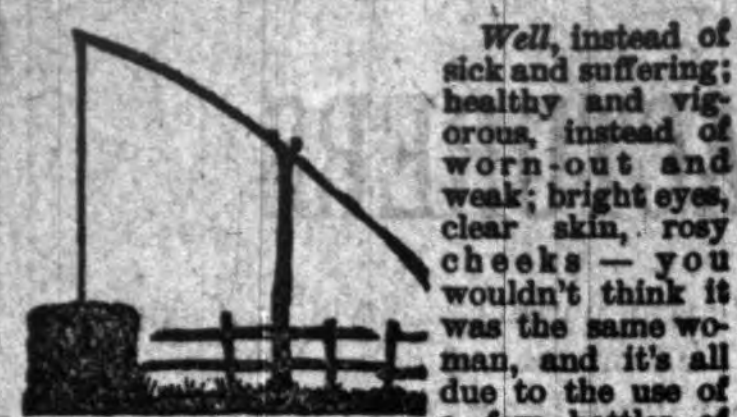
The heaviest shibes of the fall styles for men's wear have an intermediate sole of cork. Cork itself, sufficiently thick, is a good preventive of dampness, but some of the shavings or thin veneers of this material that are used, being full of imperfections and air vents, would contribute but slightly toward keeping the feet dry. Cork when cut very thin possesses but little of waterproof quality. Its chief virtue lies in the fact that it furnishes a thin, elastic cushion for the sole of the foot. To add to this desirable feature by more thickness would also tend to keep out moisture, but to secure these ends the shoe soles must needs exceed a desirable thickness.—Shoe and Leather Reporter.

## Glanders in Maine.

The Auburn (Me.) Gazette reports some alarm among the horse owners of those two cities over the reappearance of the glanders, and cites cases enough to show that the fears are well grounded. A number of glandered horses there have already been killed, but the Gazette warns people against hitching their horses to public posts or allowing them to drink out of the public troughs.

## Discarding Saffron.

The medical council has recently had under discussion the propriety of omitting saffron altogether from the next edition of the British Pharmacopoeia as a useless and expensive drug.—Notes and Queries.



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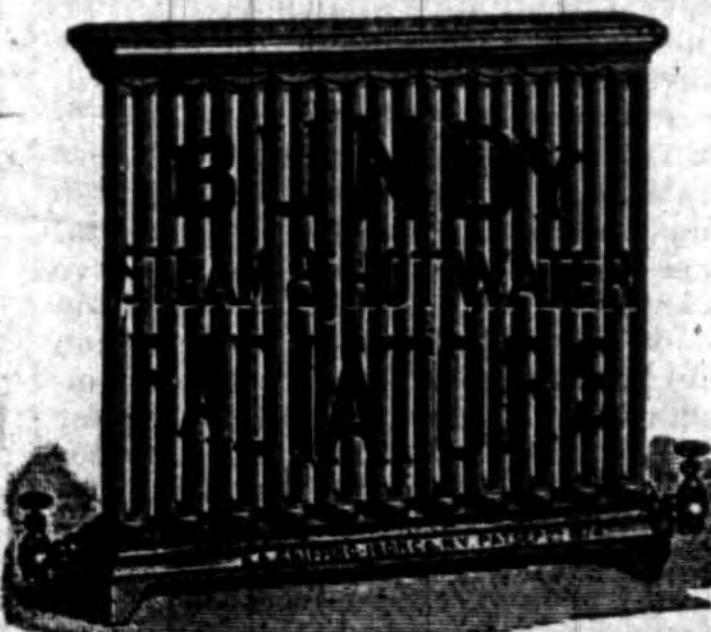
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